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Letter dated 23 July 2001 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

Members of the Security Council have carefully reviewed your letter dated 12 July 2001 (S/2001/693) in which you detail plans to move forward with establishment of a Special Court for Sierra Leone, including the creation of a Trust Fund for donor contributions to the Special Court; the dispatching of a planning mission to Freetown to assess personnel and service needs; and the conclusion of an agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone to establish a legal framework for commencement of the Special Court's operation.

Members of the Security Council welcome these developments as a positive step forward in bringing justice to the people of Sierra Leone. Members of the Council support the process of regular informal consultations between the Secretariat and a group of interested States to continue planning for the establishment and operation of the Special Court. Members of the Council intend to use their best efforts to encourage donor States that have pledged support to expedite the transfer of funds to the trust account within the prescribed time frame indicated in your letter or shortly thereafter.

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